# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Citizen volunteer action is a core, shared tradition of our nation; and,

***Whereas***, More than 109 million volunteers in the United States work in their community, including long-term healthcare facilities, utilizing their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of people; and,

***Whereas***, All citizens–young people, older Americans, families, work-place volunteers, and professionals have something to contribute as a volunteer; and,

***Whereas***, Our communities benefit from any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and,

***Whereas***, Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds,*** Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27 – May 3, 2003, as

*VOLUNTEER WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to join with the South Dakota Health Care Association and the South Dakota Assisted Living Association to recognize our shared traditions of volunteering and commit or recommit to volunteer involvement as a unifying force to build stronger communities.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State